

Gladius from Mainz

Things that we doing are designed only for historical festivals participation - reenactment.

They are made in small series and are designed primarily for our Legion III Schytica. In the beginning of my introduction in to the legionnaires gladius I saw this model.

This is a model from Mainz museum. These two applications (that stand under the brackets) make this scabbard UNIQUE!



Here are my few interpretations on this model. I made 2 different various of gladius scabbard for our club needs.

In my effort to get closer to the originals as much as possible I even counted "the hearts" decorative elements on the plate of every single model I was recreating. This Mainz model with curls under the brackets are with 6 hearts.

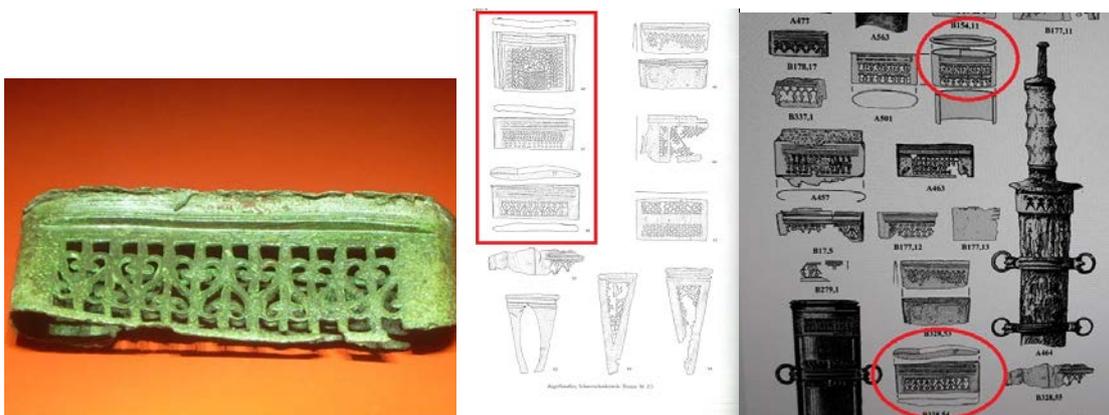


On all the top plates I have mounted plugs tinned.

I have been careful to make sure that the plates are completely covered the scabbards from the back (as the originals). The brackets are also completely covering the scabbards (as the originals).



This is a small part of the published Mainz archeology for the upper plate and brackets with which I am familiar.



After a long study of the rings clamp for gladius, I finally managed to do a quality end product: Diameter 22 mm.



In Bulgaria also was found similar applications for gladius type Mainz! During archaeological excavations in Roman auxiliary camp Conbustica (Vidin early). It was found by the archaeologist Krasimira Luke This is the same main (top) application of the gladius type of Mainz. That what is shown confirms the theory that in the period (first half of the first century AD) these gladius (Mainz type with similar applications) have been widely used on the northern borders of the empire (as in our case legionnaires' camps around Raciaria, Almvs and Escvs where was located III SCYTHICA, V MACEDONICA and VII CLAVDIA.

A very good representation of Roman legionary camp Conbustica (Bulgaria). Finds by the archaeologist Krasimira Luke.

Excavation director Krassimira Luka (Sofia University)

www.archaeology.archbg.net/projects_conbustica.html

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB4HKHuMUx8&feature=share>



Our Mainz gladius model in action.

